

## USE OF PAYNE FIELD BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT

*Exchange of notes at Cairo June 15, 1946*

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*Extended by agreements of October 25 and December 8, 1946;<sup>1</sup>  
June 3 and 12, 1947;<sup>1</sup> and December 20, 1947, and January 5,  
1948<sup>1</sup>*

*Expired June 15, 1948*

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*The American Minister to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

CAIRO, EGYPT

*June 15, 1946*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that for the purpose of returning United States personnel from or through the Far East or Near East the American Government is desirous that the Egyptian Government will grant temporary permission for the use of Payne Field and its facilities by United States military aircraft for a period of six months to be renewed if necessary by mutual agreement.

During this period the Egyptian Government will permit retention of United States personnel at Payne Field for the purpose of serving this traffic but with the understanding that the United States Government will withdraw all uniformed personnel not later than six months from the date of this agreement.

The detailed working arrangement for this six months withdrawal period will be elaborated in due course between the representatives of the competent authorities.

This letter and the reply of Your Excellency confirming the acceptance by Your Government of this arrangement, will constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

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<sup>1</sup> Not printed.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my very high consideration.

S. PINKNEY TUCK  
*American Minister*

His Excellency

AHMED LOUTFY EL-SAYED PASHA  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs*  
*Cairo*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Minister*

MINISTERE DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES  
No. 149

CAIRO, June 15, 1946

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today, the text of which is the following:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that for the purpose of returning United States personnel from or through the Far East or Near East the American Government is desirous that the Egyptian Government will grant temporary permission for the use of Payne Field and its facilities by United States military aircraft for a period of six months to be renewed if necessary by mutual agreement.

During this period the Egyptian Government will permit retention of United States personnel at Payne Field for the purpose of serving this traffic but with the understanding that the United States Government will withdraw all uniformed personnel not later than six months from the date of this agreement.

The detailed working arrangement for this six months withdrawal period will be elaborated in due course between the representatives of the competent authorities.

This letter and the reply of Your Excellency confirming the acceptance by Your Government of this arrangement, will constitute an agreement between the two Governments.

I have now the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government accepts the arrangement therein included and regards that letter and the present reply as constituting an agreement between the two Governments.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my very high consideration.

A. LOUTFI EL SAYED  
*The Minister of Foreign Affairs*

His Excellency

Mr. S. PINKNEY TUCK  
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary*  
*of the United States of America*  
*Cairo*